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SUBJECT: VIETNAM EMBASSY POLITICAL ASYLUM REQUEST

REF: STATE 097854

1. SUMMARY: FIRST SECRETARY OF REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM EMBASSY IN JORDAN TRAN DONG TU REQUESTS POLITICAL ASYLUM IN US FOR HIMSELF, WIFE, AND SEVEN CHILDREN. WIFE AND CHILDREN TEMPORARILY RESIDENT IN FRANCE. ASYLUM REQUEST ON GROUNDS THAT TRAN'S LONG-TIME EMPLOYMENT IN VIETNAMESE FORMIN WOULD GUARANTEE HIS PERSECUTION IF RETURNED. TRAN HAS VIRTUALLY NO IDEA WHAT HE WOULD DO FOR SUBSISTENCE IN STATES, BUT WILLING TO WORK " IN ANY POSITION". RENT ON HOUSE IN AMMAN PAID THROUGH JUNE 15, ALTHOUGH HE WISHES TO REJOIN FAMILY IN FRANCE ASAP. END SUMMARY.

2. TRAN DONG TU, FIRST SECRETARY REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IN JORDAN HAS REQUESTED POLITICAL ASYLUM IN US FOR HIMSELF, WIFE, AND SEVEN CHILDREN. WIFE AND CHILDREN TEMPORARILY RESIDENT IN FRANCE, IN QUARTERS RENTED MONTHLY, AND HE HAS TOURIST VISA FOR
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FRANCE. (THEY HAD BEEN INTENDING TO JOIN TRAN IN

AMMAN AS SOON AS HE HAD SETTLED IN SUFFICIENTLY.)
TRAN IS WELL-KNOWN TO EMBASSY SINCE HE PERSONALLY
HELPED ESTABLISH RVN EMBASSY HERE IN FALL. TRAN RE-
QUESTS ASYLUM ON GROUNDS THAT HIS LONG EMPLOYMENT BY
AND ASSOCIATION WITH GVN FORMIN WOULD MARK HIM FOR
PERSECUTION SHOULD HE RETURN TO VIETNAM. HE
ASSUMES, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT HIS BROTHER, SISTER, AND
FATHER STILL RESIDENT IN SAIGON WILL FACE HARSH TREAT-
MENT FROM COMMUNISTS DUE TO RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

3. LETTER ADDRESSED TO AMERICAN AMBASSADOR REQUESTS
POLITICAL ASYLUM FOR FOLLOWING PERSONS. LETTER INCLUDES
PASSPORT DATA AND IS BEING POUCHED SEPARATELY.

A. TRAN DONG TU, AGE 52, FIRST SECRETARY OF EMBASSY,
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM EMBASSY IN JORDAN;
B. MRS. TRAN DONG TU NEE NGUYEN ANH NGUYET, WIFE (NO AGE
GIVEN);
C. MR. TRAN THANH TUAN, AGE 26, SON;
D. MR. TRAN THANH TOAN, AGE 22, SON;
E. MR. TRAN THANH THIEN, AGE 20, SON;
F. MR. TRAN THANH THU, AGE 12, SON;
G. MR. TRAN THANH THAI, AGE 9, SON;
H. MISS TRAN THANH THUY, AGE 25, DAUGHTER;
I. MISS TRAN THANH THAI, AGE 18, DAUGHTER.
WIFE AND CHILDREN ALL LIVING IN NICE, FRANCE.

4. SUMMARY OF TRAN'S CURRICULUM VITAE FOLLOWS:

1922 - BORN KOMPONG SPEU, CAMBODIA
1956-58 - THIRD SECRETARY, VIETNAM EMBASSY PHNOM PENH
1958 - GRAD FROM INSTITUT NATIONAL D'ADMINISTRATION (SAIGON)
1958-61 - OFFICE OF PERSONNEL, MIN OF FORAFFAIRS
1961-64 - OFFICE OF PERSONNEL, MIN OF INFORMATION
OCTOBER, 1963-MARCH, 1964-TOOK STATE DEPT. SPONSORED COURSE
IN PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT AT EAST-WEST CENTER, HAWAII; TOURED MAINLAND
1964-65 - MIN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SAIGON; OFFICER IN CHARGE
OF GVN RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COM-
MISSION, GENEVA.
1965-67 - CONSUL AND CONSUL GENERAL, GVN EMBASSY RANGOON
1968-69 - FIRST SECRETARY, GVN EMBASSY ABIDJAN
1969- 74 - GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH AND CODU-
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MENTATION, MIN FORAFFAIRS, SAIGON; WROTE
SEVERAL WHITE PAPERS ON SUBJECT OF COMMU-
NISM
1974-75 - FIRST SECRETARY, GVN EMBASSY AMMAN.
TRAN LISTS FOUR AMERICAN REFERENCES IN STATES, ONE, ROBERT
BARRETT, AN FSO. HE SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH AND FRENCH.

5. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST POLITICAL ASYLUM REQUEST

FROM THREE-MAN RVN EMBASSY HERE. RVN AMBASSADOR HAS MENTIONED SUBJECT IN PASSING BUT INDICATED TODAY HE IS NOT MAKING POLITICAL ASYLUM REQUEST OF US AT THIS TIME. BOTH TRAN (WITH WIFE IN FRANCE) AND RVN AMBASSADOR (WITH WIFE IN NEW ZEALAND WHOM HE PLANS TO JOIN NEXT WEEK) APPEAR TO BE EXPLORING THOSE COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE RESETTLEMENT PROSPECTS AND WE HAVE ENCOURAGED THEM IN THIS REGARD. TRAN INFORMED US HE HAS ALSO REQUESTED POLITICAL ASYLUM IN FRANCE AND JORDAN. FRENCH EMBASSY INFORMED HIM HOWEVER THAT HE REQUIRED TO TRAVEL TO FRANCE AND SUBMIT POLITICAL ASYLUM REQUEST THERE.

6. ONLY OTHER POTENTIAL VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ARE: RVN EMBASSY THIRD SECRETARY AND FAMILY AND THREE NON-IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OF RVN AMBASSADOR.
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